

## Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement JOSEPH HORWEDEL, DIRECTOR

## REVISED – EXTENDED COMMENT PERIOD NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD File No. GP06-02-04//SCH # 2005062017

Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Covote Valley Specific Plan (CVSP) and related San Jose 2020 General Plan amendments, which proposes the urban development of a minimum of 25,000 residential units and 50,000 new jobs on approximately 3,400 acres in northern and mid-Coyote Valley, located on an existing rural area south of the Santa Teresa neighborhood and Tulare Hill. The project includes a proposed strategy to implement the South Coyote Greenbelt on an area of approximately 3,600 acres that is intended to be a permanent non-urban buffer between San Jose and Morgan Hill. The CVSP would create a new pedestrian and transit oriented community in southern San Jose, with a projected population of approximately 70,000 to 80,000 people (based on Census 2000 household data). The CVSP includes urban land uses such as workplace, residential, retail, and mixed use development, as well as structured/shared parking, and the public realm. The new roadways include a multifunctional Parkway and new Highway 101 interchanges and connections. The Plan includes an internal Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system connected to a new multi-modal Caltrain station on the west side of the existing Caltrain line. The CVSP includes a lake and urban canal, and proposes to relocate and restore Fisher Creek to a historic alignment. Additionally the plan includes schools, a library, a community center, parks, trails, playfields, and services and utilities necessary to support a community of this size. Buildout of the proposed project is anticipated to occur over a 25 to 50 year timeframe. Council District: 2.

The proposed project will have potentially significant environmental effects with regard to Land Use, Traffic; Noise; Air Quality; Cultural Resources; Biological Resources; Visual and Aesthetics Resources; Utilities; Energy; and Cumulative Impacts with regards to Land Use; Traffic; Noise; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Visual and Aesthetic Resources; Utilities; and Energy. Various potential hazardous material sites are located within the Development Area and the Coyote Greenbelt as listed in Table 4.9-2 of the Draft EIR.

The Draft EIR and documents referenced in the Draft EIR are available for review online at the City of San José's website: http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/eir/eir.asp and are also available at the following locations, as well as all City of San Jose, Morgan Hill, and Gilroy branch libraries:

> Department of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement 200 East Santa Clara Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor San José, CA 95113 (408) 535-3555

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Main Library 150 E. San Fernando St. San José, CA 95112 (408) 277-4822

The public review period was initially announced from March 30, 2007 to June 1, 2007. Upon request the public review period for this Draft EIR has been extended to June 29, 2007. Written comments must be received at the Planning Department by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 29, 2007, in order to be addressed as part of the formal EIR review process. Comments and questions should be referred to Darryl Boyd in the Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement at (408) 535-7898, via e-mail: darryl.boyd@sanjoseca.gov, by fax at (408) 292-6055, or by regular mail at the mailing address listed above. Please reference the above file number in your written comment letter.

Following the close of the public review period, the Director of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement will prepare a Final Environmental Impact Report that will include responses to comments received during the review period. Ten days prior to the public hearing on the EIR, the City's responses to comments received during the public review period will be available for review and will be mailed to those who have commented in writing on the EIR during the public review period.

A public hearing before the Planning Commission to consider certification of the Final EIR is tentatively scheduled for November 28, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at San José City Hall, 200 East Santa Clara Street, San José, CA 95113-1905.

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